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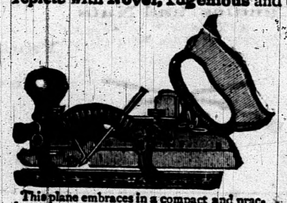

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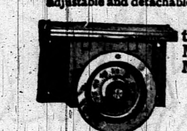

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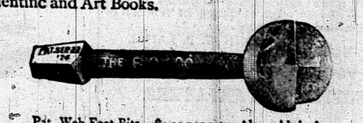

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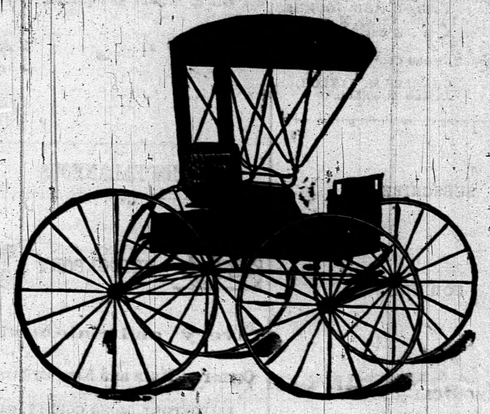

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Premonitions of Death.

A policeman's daughter of Newburyport had a strong realization of her approaching death, although the physicians had not given her up. On the day she died she called her mother to her bedside to make arrangements for the funeral, and announced that she had only a minute or two longer to live. Just then the gate clicked, and she heard her father's footsteps coming up the walk. Raising herself in bed with her remaining strength, the child cried out,—"Hurry up, papa; I'll wait a minute for you."

The agonized father heard the cry, and rushed up the stairs to the bed-room. He had barely time to take his daughter in his arms when she whispered "Good-by" to him and expired.

A young woman employed as a domestic by a Denver family married a private soldier in the regular army a year before, and immediately after the wedding returned to her service, while her husband was sent out to Fort Union in New Mexico. One afternoon, while sitting in the kitchen, she heard a tapping at the window, and on looking up saw the face of her husband there. The apparition remained for a minute without speaking, and then slowly faded away. The young woman ran screaming into the presence of the family, related the strange experience to them, and fainted. Later in the day she received a telegram from the fort announcing that her husband had died of fever the day before.

A Nashville lady dreamed one night recently that her old school friend, whose bridemaid she had been at her wedding to a Virginia planter a year before, had died suddenly and that she was present at the funeral. The lady related the dream to her family, and refused to be convinced that it was not a premonition of death. A week later a delayed letter reached the lady, informing her that her friend had died at about the same time with the occurrence of the dream.

A Confederate veteran related in Americus, Ga., the other day, a strange coincidence that attended the death of Capt. Wynn, a gallant Georgian who was killed at Gettysburg. The captain had frequently boasted that "the bullet was not moulded that was to lay him low," but on the day of the fight his wife was startled to see the oil portrait of her husband fall with a crash to the floor from the wall on which it hung in her parlor; singularly enough, the only damage done to the picture was in the shape of a small hole which was punctured through the forehead by a chair-foot which the painting struck in its fall. Two days later news came from the field that the captain had been killed by a rifle bullet, which had struck him squarely in the forehead.

Kean.

"Did you ever see Kean act?" inquired young C., who was deeply interested in the methods of the old school.

"Ever? Well, I should think I did!" returned Mr. P.

"What was he really like?"

"Like, my boy, like? He was like thunder and lightning—wild and extravagant and frequently incorrect—but, as John Kemble said to him, terribly in earnest. He lifted you off your feet; at least, he lifted me off mine when I played Tubal with him. He didn't come to rehearsal, and although Lee, his secretary, rehearsed carefully enough, I did not know where to find Kean at night, for he crossed here, there, everywhere, and prowled about like a caged tiger. I never took my eyes off him once during the whole time. I dodged him up and down, crossed when he crossed, took up my cues, and got on pretty fairly, till he thoroughly flabbergasted me by hissing,—

"'Get out of my focus! Get out of my focus!'"

"What in the name of fate did he mean by his 'focus?'" asked C.

"I'll tell you. Next moment, Lee, who was at the wing, whispered,—

"'Higher up—stand higher up the stage.'"

"I understand; his 'focus' was the footlight," said C.

"Precisely; I had got between him and the footlights, and so prevented the light from reaching his face. With the exception of this trifling hitch the scene went like a whirlwind. When it was over, he sent for me to his room, where he was, according to custom, imbibing copious libations of hot brandy and water. Andeston was with him. They were both more than half-seas over, as, in fact, they were during the whole of his visit.

"'Have a glass of grog, young stick-in-the-mud' said Kean, pleasantly. 'You'll be an actor one of these days, sir; but mind, the next time you play with me, for heaven's sake steer clear of my focus.'"

Ancient Bridal Wreaths.

The Roman bridal wreath was of verbena, plucked by the bride herself.

Holly wreaths were sent as tokens of congratulation, and wreaths of parsley and rue were given under a belief that they were effectual preservatives against evil spirits.

The hawthorn was the flower which formed the wreaths of Athenian brides.

At the present day the bridal wreath is almost entirely composed of orange-blossoms, on a background of maiden-hair fern, a sprig here and there of stephanotis blending its exquisite fragrance.

Much uncertainty exists as to why this blossom has been so much worn by brides, but the general opinion seems to be that it was adopted as an emblem of fruitfulness.

According to a correspondent of Notes and Queries, the practice has been derived from the Saracens, amongst whom the orange-blossom was regarded as a symbol of a prosperous marriage, a circumstance which is partly to be accounted for by the fact that, in the East, the orange-tree bears ripe fruit and blossoms at the same time.

It has also been suggested that this flower was introduced into our wedding customs by French milliners, having been selected for its beauty rather than for any symbolical reason.

What Makes the Smart Man Tired.

Nothing tires a smart man so quickly as seeing a lazy man resting himself.—Martha's Vineyard.

THE FASCINATING CIRCUS.

Mechanical Precision of Horse and Rider.

The first [illegible] of the [illegible] only with a two-fold existence—the instruments of the man and the habits of the animal.

Both are inveterate wanderers from town to town. Wherever they go they carry with them an absolute identity of movement, which secures for an exercise its mathematical and mechanical precision.

Neither the horse, and probably his riders, know centrifugal and [illegible] forces, even by name; but practice them to measure those [illegible] and to keep them in [illegible] with their speed.

In circuses of invariable [illegible], the artists, biped and quadruped, are everywhere at home. On the [illegible] tical exact of sand or sawdust movement is never made by [illegible].

The horse knows his business [illegible] fills it without hesitation; he [illegible] out by having to act his part [illegible] customed conditions. And he [illegible] having acted it well.

There are horses who take all the applause for themselves, and will not to treat the public to an encore [illegible] asked for. The rider may urge them to make their exit; they will strive to [illegible] before their admirers a little longer.

CIGARETTE PAPERS.

What the Boy-Killer Is Wrapped In.

Paper for cigarettes is made from cotton and linen and from rice straw, and is largely of foreign manufacture. Cotton paper is used in the cheapest and most poisonous grades of cigarettes, and is so cheap that the wrappers for a thousand cotton paper cigarettes cost only two cents. Rice paper is the choicest and most costly.

Tobacconized paper is made by saturating paper with an infusion of tobacco and pressing it in such a way as to produce an imitation of the veins of the tobacco leaf. Sometimes has been made of the fibre of the stalks of the tobacco plant in producing a paper for all tobacco cigarettes.

The lime and other substances used in bleaching cotton and other rags for cigarette papers have a very harmful influence upon the membrane of the throat and nose. Arsenical preparations are also used in bleaching cigarette papers, and oil of creosote is produced naturally as a consequence of combustion.

This is very injurious to the throat and lungs and is said to accelerate the development of consumption in anyone predisposed to the disease.

A PHILANTHROPIC DOMINIE.

He Forced Other People To Be Liberal.

If he had been anybody but a minister of the Gospel, one of the quaintest of the late Rev. H. G. Storer, who labored for many years in the towns of Washington County, Me., would be called "nerve," in these slangy days.

He was most zealous and successful in works of benevolence, and when he wanted a brother's contribution the brother had to shell out.

He asked nobody to do more than he would do himself, however. He was in the habit of visiting families where he suspected there was destitution, and if he could not understand the state of the larder by making inquiries he would walk into the kitchen or pantry and inspect the flour barrel himself.

Whatever portion of his salary remained after his private expenses were met he distributed among the worthy poor of his charge.

And when he had nothing left of his own to give he would sometimes go to the grocery kept by his wealthiest deacon and order perhaps a barrel of flour sent to a certain family, and when it had been delivered he would say, in his inimitable and unanswerable manner:

"Deacon, you just charge that flour to the Lord."—Lewiston Journal.

ODD MARRIAGE CUSTOM.

One Not without Its Dangers and Inconveniences.

A curious old mariage custom, which is still widely prevalent in Brittany, was recently interpreted in a novel and amusing manner.

According to the custom, the bridegroom, immediately after the priest had wedded the couple, strikes his wife in the face, saying:

"This is how you will fare if you make me angry," and then, kissing her, he says:

"This is how you will fare if you treat me well."

A short time ago a young Breton married a German girl, and after the ceremony was over began at once to practice the first part of the time honored custom. The bride, who was ignorant of the "inner meaning" of what she considered an insult, turned round on her lord and master and returned the stroke, saying:

"Look here, I do not approve of such behavior," after which the husband is said to have performed the second part of the ceremoney with more than usual affection.—Boston Gazette.

A LITTLE GIRL'S QUAINT LETTER.

The Funny Reason Why It Is Not Longer.

The following was received recently by an eminent Sunday-school worker in New York:

Mr.———,

My dear Friend. I donot feel very well to-day I am very sorry that I am not able to go to Sunday-school for I love to go and I have a very nice teacher now but I think I will not have her long for she acts if She was going to get married in a little while. our Sundhy School is going to have a fair on Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday. The children are going to have exercises in which we all take part. I have read twelve chapters in my little testament.

Well Matched.

The man with the iron jaw is announced to be married to the woman with mincing manners.

WHIMS IN MILLINERY.

The American Woman Is Quite Capable of Her Own in Matters of Taste.

The American woman in indulging her whimsical taste in her bonnets [illegible].

The [illegible] Parisian models are not popular in this country. Even in New York city, the most Parisian city on this continent in its tastes, Boston fashions are more popular, but they are not followed closely.

New York milliners order bonnets made in Paris to suit their trade here, and many ladies who have been abroad find that in New York city alone can they procure a bonnet which is not extreme in taste, and above all, a bonnet which fits them, an item often overlooked by the Parisian bonnet maker. More extreme and striking styles are worn in Paris and London than will be tolerated in New York. A few weeks may change the entire complexion of the millinery fashions of to-day.

The dry goods man can dictate to his customers what they shall wear. The milliner cannot, and it is not safe to predict that the first inspirations of millinery will indicate what the fashions are to be.—Good Housekeeping.

THE SOOTHING CIGAR.

A Philosophical Physician Clears Up the Mystery of Its Fascination.

An Albany physician, who is something of an inquisitor, says that smoking is not a habit for any man so far as its only good is where mental depression is that is does so simply by checking a man's mind from himself and from objects that worry him.

"Nicotine," said he, "requires more devotion to it for its enjoyment as a cigar. It is not the taste of tobacco that one enjoys. It is looking at the smoke, inhaling and smelling it, and speculating on the ashes. All these things divert the mind and so drive dull care away."—Albany Journal.

Great Cause for Gratitude.

"Madam, I have come to thank you," murmured a tramp to a Hawley street woman yesterday afternoon.

"What have I done for you?" asked the woman surprised.

"You refused to give me one of those dumplings you had for dinner yesterday."

"Yes, I remember," she replied impatiently.

"And you gave one to an old man who cleaned up your door-yard."

"True again. He was as industrious as you were lazy, and deserved it."

"Madam," continued the tramp solemnly, "I owe you my life. It killed him."—Binghamton Republican.

Scared Off.

Visitor to sanctum—"How is it, Quillpen? You always used to have ladies dropping in to see you about mats for church sociables, etc. Now there hasn't a single lady been in here this morning."

Editor—"No; I put a stop to that business."

Visitor—"How?"

Editor—"Why, I inserted a paragraph stating that the mice were getting so thick in this office that they frequently ran up the table legs to see if there was any cheese in our pockets. Since then there hasn't been a lady inside the building."—Burlington Free Press.

A Drawback to His Sobriety.

"Why, what is the matter?" asked a lady of a friend whose eyes were red from recent tears.

"Oh, I'm—boo-hoo—in such trouble."

"What has happened? Something dreadful, I am sure."

"Yes. It was something d-dreadful."

"What is it? Has your husband been drinking harder than usual?"

"No, that's just it. He has signed the pledge, and he is so disagreeable when he is sober."

One Way of Disposing of Tramps.

A Visalia Justice of the Peace has hit upon a novel way of clearing his district of tramps.

Arrested and taken before him he lectures them on the enormity of their offense, pronounces them guilty, and tells them to come next day and receive sentence.

Of course, they get out of his jurisdiction as soon as possible.—San Francisco Call.

The Dear Creature's Consistency.

Mrs. Homespun—"I declare I would just like to be able to vote once."

Mr. Homespun—"Why, my dear, I thought you were strongly opposed to woman suffrage."

"So I am; and I would like to vote in order that I might vote against the horrid thing."

Report from the Dining Room.

"Mary, how could you serve up such a piece of beef as this? It is all bone. You ought to have known better than to have accepted it from the butcher."

"Yes, ma'am, I know it, and I told him I wouldn't have taken it if it had been for myself."—New York Truth.

A Woman's Opinion.

There is no difficulty in married life that cannot be surmounted if a union is founded on respect as well as affection.

Ninety-nine men out of every hundred will listen to reason if put to them in the right way.

A Literal Reading.

A ladies' sacque house announced at the end of their newspaper advertisement "circulars free on application."

The firm received a note the other day from a Vermont lady who had read the announcement, and asked them to send a fur-lined one to her address.—Yonkers Statesman.

No Hypocrite.

Husband—"I think we had better give up our pew in the church, my love."

Wife—"Why?"

Husband—"I am going into the coal business and I hate hypocrisy."—Binghamton Republican.

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ANOTHER CANDIDATE.—It is announced from Washington that H. Z. Osborne, of the Evening Express, of Los Angeles, is an aspirant for the important position of Public Printer. Considering the course of the California delegation at Chicago, Mr. Osborne being one of that celebrated band, it looks a little cheeky for members of that delegation to aspire to such prominent positions. The course pursued by the delegation made the campaign in this State more doubtful, the insane utterances of many of them putting the Republicans on the defensive and losing hundreds of votes that would have been cast for Harrison and Morton had not the delegation attacked Harrison's Chinese record. The position of Public Printer has already been filled in Harrison's mind, and it will not be by a Californian. There are more prominent journalists, who are practical printers, in the Eastern and Western States who are more worthy of his earnest solicitude. Bro. Osborne should fire a little lower so as to strike the Los Angeles Post Office.

At Grass Valley, on the 21st inst., the last of the first term of the public schools, was made donation day, in pursuance of the custom of six years' standing. Each pupil carried to the school house a stick of cordwood and a potato. The Ladies' Relief Society gathered the contributions, and will distribute them to the poor. Business men and men of leisure caught the fever, and soon processions bearing donations of all sorts of necessaries of life marched to the school houses. The donations aggregate nearly $200 in value. Eleven hundred children and many friends had a happy morning.

The Supreme Court of Indiana has been Democratic for most of the time since the State was admitted to the Union. On the seventh of January next it will become Republican for the second time in the history of the State, three Republican Judges having been elected last month.

On the 21st inst., at Annapolis, a 250-pound steel pointed projectile was fired from a new steel gun of the cruiser Chicago, which penetrated a steel target 10 inches thick, and cut through the solid oak backing.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has decided that the Catholic Church property of Cincinnati, including the grand Cathedral built by Archbishop Purcell, must be sold for the benefit of creditors.

John Tyler Campbell, of this State, has been nominated to be Consul at Foo Chow, and John Darcey Connelly, of this State, nominated to be Consul at Auckland.

On account of not being advertised for 90 days, the Nevada Supreme Court has declared the Constitutional Amendments were not legally submitted.

Electric lighted spectacles are the latest for surgical examinations. The rim shuts out other light and a strong beam falls on the spot under examination.

Five bogus gold nugget operators have been arrested at Grass Valley. The imitations were made of brass and quartz, and calculated to deceive any but experts.

The ratio of members of Congress is one for every 154,000 inhabitants. Of course, the next census will increase the ratio.

Governor Waterman is opposed to squandering $250,000 of the State money on the London Exposition, and so are the people.

The next Grand Army Encampment will be held at Milwaukee, opening August 27th, 1889.

A piece of gum lodged at the entrance of the stomach of a 16-year old girl, at Newton, Conn., and caused a fatal ulceration.

The Nevada State Fair will open on September 28, 1889, and close October 3d. It will be held at Reno.

At San Bernardino, on Sunday, William Graham drank embalming fluid, in an undertaker's shop, for beer and died.

Oakland, Oregon, has fixed retail liquor licenses at $5,000, and $2,500 for selling in quantities from a pint and upward.

The Pope made a bitter speech against Italy. He hankers after that he will never get—temporal power.

The English flag has been raised on one of the Society Islands.

The coopers of Chicago have withdrawn from the Knights of Labor.

Charles Dietich, Capt. of St. Louis Police, suicided on Sunday. Defaulter.

The surplus in the Treasury is $80,000,000.

Oliver Ditson, the well-known music publisher, died in Boston on the 21st inst.

At the London Exposition will be a mineral display from Trinity county.

Newcastle shipped last season 9,853,976 pounds of fruit.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

This year is swiftly nearing its end, and but two days are allowed us to formulate the usual annual resolutions of a reformatory and prohibitory character, destined to last as long as "our mother's" mince meat encased in her flakey pie-crust generally does. While during the past year the mining industries of Mono county have not flourished to the extent the merits of our mines would warrant, there has been much substantial prospecting done, which will eventually inure to the benefit of the county; and many properties of this character have attracted the attention of capitalists, and during the coming year we will, undoubtedly, see many such passing into the possession of moneyed men who mean business. This is particularly the case with such properties in the Homer and Patterson Districts, where the prospects for a more stirring year are unusually flattering.

Our farmers and stock raisers have no reason to complain of "Old '88," for their crops have been good and their herds have increased. Farm products have brought remunerative prices, and those who till the soil will enter the New Year with their taxes paid, and more full-handed than has been their usual luck. The New Year will witness many substantial improvements being made in the agricultural portions of the county, adding much to the assessment roll.

We congratulate the people of Mono on the splendid financial condition of this county. With officers during the past two years who have conducted their offices with an eye to economy and the reduction of taxes, our county debt has been reduced to below $25,000, and our taxes, including the State tax, have been reduced to $2 25 on the $100, against $6 50 four years ago, under an extravagant administration. If our incoming Supervisors continue the cattle and sheep licenses at the present rates, and the new Tax-Collector collect such licenses as closely as Collector Morgan has done, our taxes next year should be not over $2, if more than $1 75, as the State tax should be less than this year's, if the County Assessors throughout the State do their duty.

There have been several railroad surveying outfits through our county looking out routes for overland lines, one going so far as to locate tunnel sites, but nothing more has been heard of any of these enterprises. This is the most direct route from Salt Lake to San Francisco, and the company that secures a route through Mono county will have the shortest line and be in a position to make the quickest time between the Mormon Capital and the Golden Gate; and it would run through a rich agricultural and mineral country, which would give it a large and profitable way traffic. It would enable tourists to visit the Dead Sea of America—Mono Lake, and, also, Yosemite Valley, which is but a short distance from the Lake. There must be an overland railroad pass through this county before many years, and the early bird will catch the fattest worm.

Our permanent residents have cause to be content with their past year's experience, and with the flattering prospects for the future of our county, wherein we have reared our homes. With thanks for all the Old Year has done for us, we wish all a Happy New Year.

SENSIBLE TALK.—The Columbia, S. C., Register, the oldest and stanchest Democratic paper in the State, has caused a sensation by denouncing the present election laws in South Carolina and the bill in the Legislature providing for an educational qualification, which will, for a time at least, disfranchise a majority of the colored voters. The Register says:

"We have carried this sort of thing as far as it can possibly go, and the result is that we are fast getting to be a set of rascals, if we have not got there already. The Register means every word it says, and what it wants is simply a plain recognition of the facts of the case an honest desire to meet them in a way which will have done with the sharpers' tricks and the political swindling which are ruining the men of our own race and lowering every standard of proper manhood.

"We are convinced that some wholesome understanding can be reached with the more respectable influences of the colored people, by which, the colored people consenting, we can put ourselves beyond the corrupting influences of politicol chicanery, and by dealing fairly and squarely with our colored neighbors we can pour oil on the waters, settle our political troubles for ourselves—black and white alike—without interference of outside legislation, which will put us all by the ears to the downfall of our social order and the prostration of our business interests."

President Harrison will bring our Southern neighbors around all right, and break up the "Solid South."

The Assessor of Sacramento county should be indicted for neglect of duty. Houses, lots, etc., have not been listed, and ridiculous values have been fixed. J. B. Haggin's celebrated 8 racers have been assessed at $7,500 for the lot, which cost $70,000. And thus the small taxpayers are swindled.

Capitalists connected with the cottonseed oil trust are making arrangements to secure a monopoly of the manufacture of bagging made from pine needles. It is to be used as a covering for cotton bales. It is said that it will drive out jute. Several millions are ready to be put into it.

Eastern shipments of the new crop of oranges have commenced at Oroville. So much for the northern citrus belt of California.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Christmas tree 15,000 poor children had presents, $10,000 having been raised for that purpose.

There appears to have been no lack of humorous incidents attending the registration of the women voters here in Boston. The latest story comes from the headquarters of the registrars, and may be accepted as entirely authentic. A large number of the women seem to have been exceedingly annoyed at being obliged to give their age to the registrars, and in a number of cases they forfeited their right to vote rather than state how old they were. In one instance a spinster gave her age as "twenty-one plus." "What do you mean by twenty-one plus?" inquired the Registrar. "I mean, sir, that I am over twenty-one," was the tart reply. "We cannot allow any of that nonsense here," said the official; "you must give your exact age if you desire to be registered." This she persistently refused to do, and consequently her name is not on the voting list.—Boston Herald.

Hon. S. E. Sewell died in Boston on the 20th inst. He became early interested in the anti-slavery cause, and was associated with William Lloyd Garrison in establishing the Liberator in 1831. He was counsel for defense of Sims, Anthony Burns and other fugitive slaves. He prepared the arrangements and assisted at the trial of John Brown.

On Sunday night, near Muskogee I. T., a 16-year-old boy, named Johnson, murdered his mother and sister with a club, in a fit of anger.

Notice for Publication of Time Appointed for Proving Will, etc.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY of Mono, State of California.

In the Matter of the Estate of FREDRICH CHRISTIAN LUDWIG KREMKOW, Deceased.

Pursuant to an Order of said Superior Court, made on the 13th day of December, 1888, notice is hereby given, that

MONDAY, the 31st DAY of DECEMBER, 1888, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, at Bridgeport, in the county of Mono, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the Will of said Fredrich Christian Ludwig Kremkow, deceased, and for hearing the application of John. Millner for the issuance to him of Letters of Administration, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated December 13th, 1888.

[LS] O. H. KISTER, Clerk.

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LEGAL.

Order to Show Cause Why Order of Sale of Real Estate Should Not be Made.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY of Mono, State of California.

In the matter of the Estate of HARLEN P. NOYES, deceased.

It appearing to the Judge of said Court, by the petition this day presented and filed by B. T. Brown, Administrator of the Estate of Harlen P. Noyes, deceased, praying for an order of sale of real estate, that it is necessary to sell the whole of the real estate to pay the debts outstanding against the deceased, and the debts, expenses and charges of Administrator;

It is therefore ordered by the Judge of said Court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Superior Court on

TUESDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1889,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the Court Room of said Superior Court, at the town of Bridgeport, in said Mono county, State of California, to show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted to the said Administrator to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary.

And that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the BRIDGEPORT CHRONICLE-UNION, a newspaper printed and published in said Mono county.

O. F. HAKES, Superior Judge.

Dated December 3rd, 1888.

Indorsed: No. 136.

In the Superior Court, Mono Co., Cala.

In the matter of the Estate of Harlen P. Noyes, deceased.

Order to show cause why order of sale of Real Estate should not be made.

Filed December 3rd, 1888.

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LEGAL.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, ISSUED out of the Justice's Court of Bridgeport Township, Mono county, California, dated the 14th day of November, 1888, and to me directed and delivered, for a judgment rendered and entered in said Court, on 27th day of September, 1888, in favor of WM. WETHERILL, as Plaintiff, and against COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY, a corporation, defendant, for the sum of Two hundred and eighty-nine Dollars, U. S. Gold Coin, and costs of suit, taken at Forty-seven and 70-100 dollars. I have levied on the following Property, to wit:

All the right, title, claim and interest of the said defendant, Copper Mountain Consolidated Mining Company, a corporation, in and to that certain property situated in Homer Township, in said Mono county, California, to wit: That certain Mill Site situated about ½ mile northwest from Callahan's Station, and about 1½ miles south of Sturgeon's Ranch, containing about 5 acres of land, with the improvements thereon, consisting of smelting furnace with building and office building.

Also all its right, title and interest of, in and to that certain Water Ditch known as the Copper Mountain Consolidated Mining Company's Water Ditch, with all the Water and Water Rights flowing therein, or thereunto belonging.

All of said property being known as the property of said defendant.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, in front of the Court House in the said County of Mono, I will sell the right, title and interest of said Copper Mountain Consolidated Mining Company in and to the above described property, at Public Auction, for Cash Gold Coin in hand, to the highest and best bidder, to satisfy said Execution and all costs.

Dated the 26th day of November, 1888.

E. GURNEY, Constable

d1-td Bridgeport Township, Mono Co., Cal.

By request of defendants, and consent of all parties concerned, the above sale is continued until

TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1889, at same place and time.

Dated December 20th, 1888.

d22-td E. GURNEY, Constable.

LAND OFFICE AT INDEPENDENCE, CAL., November 23, 1888.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Mono county, at Bridgeport,

JANUARY 7TH, 1889,

viz: B. T. BROWN, Pre-emption D. S. No. 1234, for the Lots 12 and 13 in Sec. 33, Tp. 7 N., R. 25 E. M. D. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: William Luhrs, Alexander Kilpatrick, Morris P. Hayes and Charles M. Willard, all residing in the vicinity of the land.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

JOHN W. P. LAIRD, Register.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, Bridgeport, Mono County, Cal.

THE ASSESSMENT BOOK FOR THE YEAR 1888, has been placed in my hands, and Notice is hereby given, that I will be in the places mentioned at the time specified for the purpose of receiving payment for the same:

ANTELOPE—At James Todkill's Store, December 4th and 5th.

CLINTON—At J. H. Sheean's Store, December 7th.

LUNDY AND MONO LAKE.—At Judge Mattly's Court Room, December 10th.

BENTON.—At W. Shimmin's Store, December 13th and 14th.

BODIE—At Occidental Hotel, December 27th 28th and 29th.

BRIDGEPORT—At Tax Collector's Office at any time.

And Notice is hereby given that Taxes will be Delinquent on the last Monday in December, 1888, at 6 o'clock, P. M., and unless paid prior thereto, 5 per cent. will be added to the amount thereof.

WAT MORGAN, Tax Collector.

Dated October 22d, 1888. o27-td

Notice of Dissolution of Copartnership

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm heretofore existing under the firm name and style of TAYLOR AND TODKILL, doing business in Antelope Valley, Mono county, State of California, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated, Bridgeport, Mono Co., Cal., Nov. 27th, 1888.

CHARLES M. TAYLOR, JAMES TODKILL.

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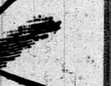

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CHRONICLE-UNION.

BRIDGEPORT, DECEMBER 29, 1888.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Personal.

C. A. Schuman. of Bodie, has been in town several days on legal business.

Judge Mattley, J. G. Thompson and S. B. Burkham were in from Mono Lake on Christmas.

A. F. Bryant and son went to Antelope yesterday with a band of horses for Winter pasturage.

Miss Mary Reed, of Corning, N. Y., who spent a month here last Summer with her aunt. Mrs. Judge Leavitt, gave a reception to Miss Maud Reading, of Bodie, who visited Corning on her way to Europe. Miss Reading made many friends during her short stay in Corning.

Miss Angell, of Silver City, Nev., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. O. H. Kister.

Wash. Brandon arrived home on Christmas from the Western Slope.

CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas Holidays were inaugurated here with a Christmas Tree Festival, under the management of Mrs. Wedertz, at Bryant's Hall, on Monday evening. A mammoth tree was planted in the northern end of the Hall, and when the doors were opened at 7 o'clock the tree was found to be laden with a bountiful harvest, and a large amount of "windfalls" had been gathered and piled on a large table east of the tree. Just before the exercises were opened the tree was brilliantly illuminated and was a pleasing sight, particularly to the youthful element in the audience.

The exercises of the evening were opened by Wm. O. Parker, who greeted his fellow-citizens, and announced the program of the evening, after which the children sang very prettily a song of greeting. District Attorney Virden was then introduced and made a few remarks pertinent to the occasion, and they were well received. The children followed with a couple of songs, after which they were massed in the center of the hall to await the coming of Santa Claus, who soon made his appearance, clad in furs, having come in over the Sweetwater road, and was most uproarously welcomed by the juveniles. After he had fraternized awhile with his young friends the distribution of the "harvest,, commenced, the "windfalls" being the first to go. It took about an hour to make the distribution. It was one of the most prolific Trees Santa Claus has ever cultivated in this valley, and, we presume, every one present secured a portion of the harvest. Mrs. Wedertz distributed candy, popcorn-balls and apples to the children, who would be too glad to have this Holiday come several times a year. The floor was then given up to the children for dancing, the old folks gathering much amusement from the unrestrained antics of the little ones. About 11 o'clock the hall was cleared and the lights extinguished, the multitude retiring to their homes to gossip over the events of the evening and examine their presents. As a whole, the affair was well conducted and very creditable to Mrs. Wedertz.

On Christmas our citizens had their usual turkey dinners and family gatherings. In the evening Mrs. Wedertz gave a ball and supper at Bryant's Hall. The attendance was large, and an enjoyable time was had. Our Bridgeport ladies never appeared better—and we have the best looking ones to be found anywhere on the coast, many appearing in new costumes which added to their attractiveness. At midnight supper was announced, and was greatly relished by the throng of hungry dancers, as Mrs. Wedertz always prepares a good supper. Good music was furnished by A. P. Allen and wife, and "Home, Sweet Home" was not thought of until near daylight, when the weary ones were confronted by a snowstorm, through which they had to tramp to their homes. And thus the Christmas Holiday passed most satisfactorily to our people.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.—On Christmas a team, driven by J. McCaghren, of Cameron, who was taking Miss Annie Dalzell, the Clinton teacher, and Miss Maud Wiley, to the Wiley Ranch, at Sulphur Springs, to spend the Holidays, ran away shortly after leaving Cameron. McCaghren was thrown out, but held to the lines and was dragged some distance before he was compelled to let them go. Miss Wiley then jumped out, and Miss Dalzell soon followed her example. The horses kept on down the road towards Dawson's. When they reached the forks of the road—one leading to Dawson's and the other to Bridgeport, the nags were differently inclined, one wishing to go to Bridgeport, where he belongs, and the other preferring to stop at Dawson's, where he was acquainted; but they compromised by running into a mass of brush between the forks and there they stuck and were caught. In the meantime McCaghren, who was unhurt, followed up and found Miss Dalzell badly bruised and insensible, but she soon recovered. He made her comfortable by covering her with his two coats, and leaving her with Miss Wiley, who was but slightly injured, ran back to Cameron and procured Kilpatrick's team, and soon had Miss Dalzell back to Kilpatrick's, where Mrs. Kilpatrick administered to her. Dr. Sinclair, of this place, was summoned and found the patient badly bruised, but no bones were broken, and it is thought she will soon recover. She jumped out against the bank, but the snow prevented serious consequences. The tongue of the wagon was broken by one of the horses straddling it. This is the second time a Clinton teacher has been run away with, and by one of the same horses, which seems to have a grudge against "schoolmarms."

FORECLOSURE SUITS.—District Attorney Virden has instituted foreclosure suits for delinquent State School lands as follows: Samuel Edgerly, Jr., Jennie Keppler, Assignee, W½ of T. 6 S., S. 36, 32 E., 320 acres; William Brown, NE¼ T. 4 N., S. 8, and NW¼ T. 4 N., S. 9, 24 E., 320 acres; Alexander Brown, W½ of SW¼, T. 4 N., S. 4, and E½ of SE¼, S. 5, 24 E., 160 acres; Patrick J. Donovan, SW¼ of SE¼, and SE¼ SW¼, T. 4 N., S. 4, SW¼ of SE¼, and S½ of SW¼, T. 4, S. 5; and W½ of NW¼, T. 4 N., S. 8, 24 E., 280 acres; George M. Cootey, S½ T. 4 N., S. 36, 28 E., 320 acres; William J. Taylor, N½ T. 4 N., S. 36, 28 E., 320 acres; J. O. Morgan, NW¼ of SW¼, SW¼ of NW¼ T. 2 N., S. 16. 28 E., 80 acres. The CHRONICLE-UNION will publish the summons next week, and at the expiration of thirty days, judgment will be obtained, and without the intervention of sale, the lands revert to the State and are open to entry.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—On Tuesday next a total eclipse of the Sun will occur—visible to the larger portion of North America and the North Pacific Ocean. Like all such eclipses, it will be total along a track eighty miles wide, in this instance extending from the Aleutian Islands and running centrally through Point Arena, California, Winnemucca, Nevada, Mountain Meadows, Idaho, and terminating about Lake Winnipeg, having a duration of two minutes. It commences here at 12:42 and ends at 3:22 P. M.

NEW YEAR'S BALL.—A New Year's ball will be given at Bryant's Hall on next Tuesday night. A. P. Allen and wife will furnish the music and a good supper. As the sleighing is good a crowd is expected from Bodie and Sweetwater, and a good time may be looked for.

RATHER CHILLY.—The weather last night was rather "bracing," the thermometer at 7 this morning standing at 10 degrees below zero. At 11 o'clock the mercury had crawled up to 26 degrees above zero. If this county is jerked bodily into "South California," will we have weather?

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The new Board will meet on Monday week next. The members-elect are Joseph Carney, of Antelope; Phillipp Kuhlmann and William Stewart, of Bodie; and N. B. Hunewill, of Bridgeport. John A. Creaser, of Benton, holds over.

SNOW.—Some two inches of snow fell during Tuesday night, and about the same amount during Wednesday night. On Thursday several sleighs were ont,

TELEGRAPH.—Willie Corbett is at the Reno office, and George F. Willis at Bishop.

THE GENUINE ARTICLE.—Joe A. Brown has the genuine Maple Syrup and New Orleans Molasses—just the ticket for hot cakes these cold mornings.

OUR people are enjoying fine sleighing.

BULL BONNET.—John W. Byrnes, of Scott's Valley, after trying many experiments, has at last hit upon a means to control bulls, by which he avoids all jumping or breaking fences. Mr. Byrnes takes a piece of lumber 12x14 and 1¼ inches thick, puts a hole opposite the root of each horn, then run a wire through these holes and around each horn and twist the ends together. He then takes a strong piece of cloth about 18x36 and nails over the board, letting it fall over the jaws, and ties the two upper corners together back of the horns. This makes the best bonnet he has ever tried, and he suggests that farmers who have unruly animals would do well to give it a trial.—Lakeport Democrat.

On election day a Democratic citizen received $5 from the Middleton Town Committee to reimburse him for some expenses which he had incurred coming home to vote. Afterward he called upon the committee and returned the $5, stating that as he was about so vote he was offered $15 to vote the Republican ticket. Having accepted that and cast his ballot for Harrison and Bulkeley, he considered it his duty to return the original $5 to his Democratic friends.—New Haven News.

The Democracy should feel proud of their "honest" brother.

At Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday, Frank J. Myers, aged 18, a cook in a restaurant, in attempting to close an iron shutter at the rear of the restaurant building, pushed it against an electric light wire, and received a shock which knocked him to the ground. He was instantly killed. Both of his hands were burned black, and a red streak runs through the middle of his forehead.

Admiral Luce having notified the Haytian Government that if the steamer Haytian Republic was not released he would seize her, and if resisted the town would be bombarded, she was handed over to the Admiral.

At the Christmas festival, at Chicago, Arnarchist Paul Grottkau said that should Christ come here to-day and preach commune, which his followers practised, he would, judging from recent events, be hanged.

Herr Bonen, President of the Ministry of Gotha, is dying in Berlin from blood-poisoning, caused by the dye-stuff in his hunting stockings.

Mrs. Marceline Pynchon, widow of a millionare, was fined $15 for shoplifting at Chicago.

Senator Stanford presented $5 to each of the fourteen Pages in the Senate, as a Christmas gift.

The Poultry Business.

The question of poultry business is receiving considerable attention from the local press of this section of the State at present. The high prices which the people have to pay for chickens and eggs, the great majority of which is imported from the East, has had the effect of starting an agitation of the question of why more of our people do not engage in the business. The present prices every consumer has to pay for the products of the poultry yard insure to the person who would engage in the business here a handsome profit for their time and labor, for the home market is practically inexhaustible. A person familiar with the business with a small capital and a few acres of land can make a good income right the start. This is an advantage to people of small means who cannot wait for the coming into bearing of a fruit orchard. Every dollar that Southern California pays out for eggs and chickens goes out of circulation here, and is carried East. Now this is all wrong, we have every facility, climate, etc., for the proper carrying on of the business and there is no reason why we should not, not only supply our own market but also raise a surplus to send to other markets. There is a good field for money making in this business right here in our vicinity for the party who will commence operations. With chickens always selling from seventy-five cents each and upwards, and eggs from thirty to forty-five cents per dozen, there can be no question about the success of the enterprise. There is a cheap land along the adjacent foothills that is entirely suitable, where water sufficient for the business is easily obtainable, therefore the item of location need not necessarily be very high, while the stock required to start with is but a small item. We cannot help but think there is a good field offered in the business for the man of small means.—Riverside Enterprise.

SELLING CATTLE BY WEIGHT.—The buyers and sellers have, for the last two years, been exercised over the question of estimating weight versus the decision of the scales. American stockmen, who were sellers, years ago decided that the scales would save money. They are now generally found on the better class of our grain and stock farms. We are glad to know that our English friends are coming to the same line of belief. The Agricultural Gazette, London, gives the following, which shows that there are stockmen in Great Britain who do not care to depend on guessing. A sale and purchase of lean stock of a somewhat unusual character was completed at Malton Fair, the seller being a well-known Irish breeder, and the purchaser a more celebrated ram-dealer from the Beverly side. The two had attempted to do business in the old way, namely, by a price per head, but having failed to strike a bargain it was suggested they should agree upon a price per stone—live weight. The result was they fixed the price at 4s 3d per 14 lbs. The fifteen beasts were driven to the weighing machine and the cattle weighed in pairs and the odd one. The total live weight was exactly 800 stones, which, at the agreed price, made a total of £170, or just 10s 3d per head more than the beasts could have been bought for.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.—Those who take an agency for a reliable enterprising house, learn their business and stick to it, "get on" in the world. People having an idea of engaging in any canvassing business will do well to write to George Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine—the great art and general publishers. They offer the most exceptional advantages to those who are sufficiently enterprising to be willing to make a push in order to better their condition. It costs nothing to try. Women make successful canvassers as men. Full particulars will be sent to those who address the firm; their full address is given above.

The first American Catholic pilgrims to Rome will leave New York next February.

The Inyo papers are opposed to the division of the State.

France and England are having trouble over the Newfoundland fisheries business.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1889 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This Almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fourth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, &c., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1889 will probably be he largest edition of a work medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., on receipt of a two cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

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GIRL ATHLETES.

Recent Developments of Grace and Power in the Female Form—Value of Lawn Tennis.

Ten or fifteen years ago no man would have believed it possible that girls—that race of whose aptitudes Tom Tulliver entertained so disparaging an estimate—could ever have become such brilliant performers in the lawn tennis court. Even among men less prejudiced than the young hero of "The Mill on the Floss" it had always been an article of faith that woman "can neither throw nor leap," and that the day would never come when a tennis bat wielded by a female arm would really and truly "strike" a ball instead of "spooning" it.

They knew not what could be done with the female tennis player by merely "catching her young." The girls who have learned their tennis in the school room, so to speak, who began this game at the age when they began their "scales" and "exercises," are very often nowadays a match for their brothers. And of power has been born grace, which, indeed, if it does not always spring from power, must always have power for one of its parents.

No one who has ever seen a really skilled competitor in a "ladies' tournament" but will at once retract and apologize for the impious words "awkward" and "unfeminine" if any such slanders have ever passed his lips. Lawn tennis has now fairly won its title to be considered a fitting game not merely for "young men and children," but for "old men (or at any rate, middle-aged men) and maidens" also.

I have said my say on behalf of the latter, and as to the former they, if they are sensible men, are hardened against ridicule. Why may they not as legitimately breathe themselves, though unskilled, on the tennis court, as grasp the crab-catching oar, or mount the unaccustomed horse? Aquatic and equestrian facilities, moreover, are less easily come by than the opportunities in these days for a bout at lawn tennis.—English Illustrated Magazine.

PAINTING FLOORS.

A Chapter of Advice for Housekeepers.

Now that the fashion is becoming more prevalent of using carpets which do not completely cover the area of the floor, and thus escape distortion by being so cut as to coincide with every angle, recess or curve of the walls, floor paintings should certainly be more generally adopted. Painted borders are all well enough, but the whole area of the floor may advantageously be laid out in color.

This painting necessarily involves priming, which of itself adapted to floors, is hygienic, as having the effect of closing the pores in which dust lodges, the dust, with its darkening effects, never failing to find lodgment—unless, indeed, the board should be of costly hardwood, which is the exception, not the rule.

It may be said that a floor painted all over will not be seen; but, without replying that a painted border where the whole area is not colored is a deception, we may remark that the entire treatment of a floor or cover affords a security against unsightliness should any portion of the central carpet be accidently raised, and that in the event of its removal for the purpose of cleaning, the painted floor surfaces, more especially if enriched with a few rugs or tinted or patterned mats.

In the hot summer months a floor artistically painted will be found preferable to carpet, as aiding in the movement of air, not harboring dust, and proving, on the whole, cooler.

Paint may be so compounded and laid on floors as to suffer little injury even when exposed in a long course of time. Should the colors become dull, a slight varnishing will suffice to renew much of their pristine freshness.

There are many rooms in a house which would be all the better for not being fully carpeted. Such especially are the bedrooms.

WEATHER WISDOM.

Feathered Foretellers of Storms.

The saw-like note of the great titmouse is said to foretell rain; that of the bluetit, cold.

Various proverbs would seem to indicate that the cry of the owl, if heard in bad weather, foretells a change.

Herons, says an old author, flying up and down in the evening as if doubtful where to rest, "presage some evil approaching weather"—a legend as old as Virgil.

In Germany dwellers in the country lack faith in the skylark as announcing fine weather, but when the lark and the cuckoo sing together they know summer has come.

In Hampshire swans are believed to be hatched in thunderstorms, and it is said that those on the Thames have an instinctive prescience of floods. Before heavy rains they raise their nests.

In the south of France so much store is set by the wisdom of the magpie, that if it builds its nest on the summit of a tree the country folk expect a season of calm, but if lower down, winds and tempests are sure to follow.

The abhorrence in which mariners hold the swallow-like storm petrel is well known. Its appearance is believed to denote cold weather. This little bird is the Mother Carey's chicken of sailors, and is also called storm finch and water witch.

Concerning gulls in general children who live by the sea say: "Seagull, seagull, sit on the sand; it's never good weather while you're on the land;" and fisher folk know that when the seamews fly out early and far to seaward fair weather may be expected.

When rooks fly high and seem to imitate birds of prey by soaring, swooping, and falling, it is almost a certain sign of coming storm. Staying in the vicinity of the rookery, returning at midday, or coming to roost in groups are also said to be omens to the like effect.

The constant iteration of the green woodpecker's cry before the storm has given it the names of rain bird, rain pie, and rain fowl. Stormcock is a provincial name shared by this bird and the missel thrush, the latter often singing through gales of wind and rain. Storm bird is also applied to the fieldfare.

To Scotch shepherds the drumming of the snipe indicates dry weather and frost at night, and Gilbert White remarks that woodcocks have been observed to be remarkably listless against snowy, foul weather, while, according to another author, their early arrival and continued abode "foretells a liberal harvest."—Chicago News.

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MARRYING THEMSELVES.

Governor Bellingham's the First Instance on Record in America.

The incident where a boston man of some notoriety recently performed his own marriage ceremony (if it might be called such) in New York is not without precedent. The marriage of Miss Lucy Stone and Dr. Blackwell, about thirty-five years ago, was of somewhat the same nature; but, according to the Boston *Herald*, there is a still older precedent in Boston, viz., that of Governor Richard Bellingham, of Massachusetts, of which colony he was one of the original patentees. This remarkable marriage was enacted nearly two hundred and fifty years ago, and under circumstances of peculiar notoriety.

Richard Bellingham, who was bred a lawyer, had been recorder of the old town of Boston, in England. He came to Boston, in the colony of Massachusetts, in 1634, and in the following year was chosen its Deputy Governor. In August, 1634, he was chosen Selectman of Boston, and, with his first wife, Elizabeth Pentley, he joined the orthodox church in August of the year following, making a public profession of faith. In 1641 he was chosen Governor in opposition to Winthrop, and was chosen again in 1654, and again in 1666, after the death of Endicott, continuing in office for the remainder of his life, his death occurring December 7, 1672. In 1664 he was made Major-Generdl, and in that year the King sent four commissioners to regulate the affairs of the province, ordering Bellingham and others, who were obnoxious, to proceed to England and answer accusations that were made against them in person. His Majesty, however, is said to have been appeased by the present of a ship load of masts.

But the peculiar matter in point occurred in the earlier part of Governor Bellingham's colonial career. His first wife, who accompanied him from England, died in 1638. There had been in the family before this occurance a young woman named Penelope Pelham, whose position appears to have been that of housekeeper or assistant in household matters. After Mrs. Bellingham's death, the continuance of this young woman in the Governor's household was the occasion of considerable gossip. To his other dignities, Governor Bellingham added that of judge or magistrate for the trial of causes, and this gossip so scandalized the court that it was decided to depose him from his position. This was in 1641, when his housekeeper was but twenty years of age. But he refused to leave the bench, and the grand inquest presented him for breach of order of the court and the Secretary called him to answer the presentation.

Being Governor, as well as Judge, he was not an easy subject to handle. However, in deference to public opinion, and no doubt as a matter of policy, he called together the ministers and some of the people, inviting them to his house, and there, in their presence, bringing Penelope forward, he introduced her to them, saying: "This is my wife, but I will have no law about it. God is enough for me and her."

This was all the marriage ceremony vouchsafed by the Governor, and appears to have been acquiesced in by the community, for he was never after troubled about it. He was not a godless man, but rather a strong church member. His second wife, so strangely wed, is said to have borne him six children, who, however, all died young. His religious peculiarities may be seen in part by his will, which provides that, after the decease of his wife and his granddaughter, the bulk of his estate should be spent for the yearly maintenance "of goodly ministers and preachers" of the true church, which he considered to be that of the Congregationalists. His sister Annie, widow of William Hibbins, one of his assistants, was executed as a witch in June, 1656. Though latitudinarian enough on the subject of his own marriage, Governor Bellingham was violently opposed to innovation in religious matters, and was exceedingly severe toward the Quakers, who affirm, says Drake, that he died distracted.

WILD WESTERN TACTICS.

Perfection to Which Murder as a Fine Art Was Brought by a Miner.

"Talking about murder as a fine art," said A. J. Pleasanton, who lives up near the Dakota Bad Lands, to a St Louis *Post Dispatch* reporter, "talking about murder as a fine art I am reminded of the perfection to which the safe and scientific slaying of one's fellow-men was brought many years ago in the Northwest, and which opened my eyes not a little to methods of the mining men among whom I went to live when I first visited the Black hills. Now, don't understand me as inveighing against the West and its border life, or criticising for criticism's sake the code of morals of the pioneers. Far from it. The country of which I speak is misrepresented enough, and its manners held up to a gibing public by reckless writers too often for me to strengthen the impression that the frontiersman is normally a cut-throat. What I do want to say is that there is no more dangerous man on earth than the citizen of a frontier town when he becomes absolutely convinced that he must have the life of an enemy. Times are changing now, and the period is passing away when each one set himself up for an all-sufficient judge of personal right and wrong. People go to law where they formerly reached for the handiest weapon, and Blackstone is resorted to oftener than the Bowie-knife. But it was different when I first went West, say when the Home Stake miners were pillaged of their first big-pay dirt, and I must confess that my heart failed me until I grew accustomed to the new order of things. Mind you, I am not speaking of desperadoes, but of men who made of murder a necessity when confronted by some stern situation, and who would go to work in the most cold-blooded manner imaginable in order to attain their end. It was very terrible to my inexperienced mind when Jim Waters, we will call him, for I don't wish to revive unpleasant recollections up at home, shot down a man who stood high in our little community of miners and traders a few miles to the north of Sturgis, in a little town that has long since been abandoned. Waters had made up his mind to kill his enemy, and how do you suppose he went about it? Why, in true Western fashion, for he had no desire of having his neck stretched for his pains. The party of which his foe was a member was working a claim just across the ridge from us, and one fine morning Waters saw his man slowly walking along the summit of the rise, axe in hand, looking for fire-wood. His mind was made up in an instant, and he quietly left camp in the direction of his enemy. We could hear nothing of the quarrel. The first thing we knew was that Waters had turned and was running at full speed, pursued by the man who I was afterward convinced he had deliberately started out to kill. The pursuer gained a little and raised his axe as if to strike, and then we saw Waters turn and halt. There was a little puff of smoke, the crack of a six-shooter, and the man with the axe was dead. Self-defense, wasn't it? Of course that's what they said at the trial. That's what the witnesses swore and what I swore, though we felt in our hearts that Waters was a cold-blooded murderer. I merely tell you this to illustrate what I would call 'Western tactics.' The West is my home now and I love it, but I recognize its faults and am only too glad to see the tide of tenderfeet setting our way."

BANKING OUT WEST.

How Greedy Money Sharks Grow Fat While the Poor Grangers Starve.

"My business," said a banker from the arid zone of Western Kansas to a New York *Times* reporter, "is to loan money at high rates of interest. I know how to safely conduct that business in the arid zone. About nine years ago I established my bank. I had $12,000 capital. A banking capital of $12,000 would be laughed at in New York City, but it is ample for operations that are carried on in the arid zone. And my bank pays a much larger per cent. of profit than any bank in New York. I can give the bankers who do business in that town, and who think they know all about the business, points on banking. They sit in their offices and rub their faces with their hands and pretend to think about financial matters, and they talk learnedly about single and double standard, and the surplus and the state of trade and conditions favorable or unfavorable to profitable banking, but the truth is that they don't know how to bank to a decent profit. Prosperity of trade and industry!" he exclaimed scornfully. "What has prosperity, general prosperity of the people, I mean, got to do with banking?" he demanded. And then he added: "To bank to advantage you must bank among people who are hard up and who will cheerfully pay reasonable rates of interest for the use of money, say from 3 to 5 per cent. per month. And the payment of each and every note that you discount should be secured by a chattel mortgage laid on all the personal property owned by the signer of the note. And, in addition, you must be careful not to lend too large a sum to one man. I never lend a customer more than $100, except on the final clean up, and I very seldom lend a man more than $50, while $25 is my favorite sum to lend to tillers of the soil. I never loan money for less than 3 per cent. per month. I frequently charge 5 per cent., and sometimes I get higher rates. For instance, a granger came into my bank a few months ago.

"He said: 'I want to borrow $15 for fifteen days.'

"I said: 'Money is mighty scarce, Jack.'

"'I know it is,' he said; 'what is the rate?'

"'Jack,' I answered, 'money is scarce—mighty scarce—but as you are an old customer I will stretch a point in your favor. You want $15 for fifteen days? Well, I will make out the note for $20. How will that suit you?'

"'Good heavens!' he exclaimed, 'I thought you charged 3 per cent.,' and he looked quite angrily at me.

"'No, Jack,' I said, 'times are hard. I have to charge 5 per cent.,' and I smiled sweetly at him.

"'Well,' he said, after a moment's attempt to grasp the interest problem, 'if you are charging 5 per cent., I suppose that I will have to pay it, but I think 3 per cent. is sufficient interest for any farmer to pay.'

"He signed the note and the chattel to secure its payment, and to this day that man believes that he paid 5 per cent. per month instead of 33½ per cent." And the merry banker laughed loudly as he added: "And those are the sort of men I like to do business with."

WHY MEN WHISTLE.

It Is Simply the Noise Which Proceeds from a Vacant Mind.

A writer in the San Francisco *Chronicle* has endeavored to explain why men whistle. According to this authority whistling was invented to give a man a chance to add a noise to the other noises in creation. The other noises in nature are all attuned to the character of the article that produces them. The breeze makes its gentle sigh, the brook has its peculiar sound, the storm has its crash and its roar. Every thing made a noise in the world except man when he was alone. A man can't talk to himself; it is idiotic, although it is astonishing how many people do it. A cough is not a very enjoyable sound and it irritates the lungs to produce it. A sneeze always goes with a cold in the head. True, a man can sing; that is, he can try to sing, but if it is at all agreeable, it seems somehow to be wasted if somebody has not paid an admission fee to hear it. That's why women have such a terrible reputation for talking. They can't whistle, and they have nothing to relieve the restraint when they are alone; so when they get hold of anybody they make up for it. But whistling was invented to conceal music. You don't need to have music in your soul to whistle. It is simply the noise of a vacant mind. The loud laugh of Oliver Goldsmith that bespeaks the vacant mind applies to a crowd. The whistle shows the vacant mind in its solitary state. When you hear a man whistle who palpably does not know a tune, he is either a very good fellow or a very bad fellow. Did you ever notice that Jews don't whistle much? They haven't got much vacant mind. When it isn't needed in their own business they rent it to other businesses. But of all whistlers the young gentlemen going home about one o'clock in the morning, who whistles "Il Trovatore" with all the band parts, takes the bakery.

Various Railway Signals.

One pull of the bell-cord signifies "stop."
Two pulls mean "go ahead."
Three pulls mean "back up."
One whistle signifies "down brakes."
Two whistles signifies "off brakes."
Three whistles means "back up."
Continued whistles indicate "danger."
Short rapid whistles "a cattle alarm."
A slowly sweeping meeting of the hands over the head signifies "back slowly."
A downward motion of the hands, with extended arm, signifies "stop."
A beckoning motion with one hand indicates "back."
A red flag waved up the track indicates "danger."
A red flag by the roadside means "danger ahead."
A red flag carried on a locomotive signifies "an engine following."
A red flag raised at a station means "stop."
A lantern swung at right angles across the track means "stop."
A lantern raised and lowered vertically is a signal to "start."
A lantern swung in a circle signifies "back the train."

Effect of Respiration on Air.

"The change which takes place in air during the act of respiration is very decided," says the London *Exchange*. "When taken in a dry state, the atmosphere in country places and rural districts contains from 20.96 to 20.98 per cent. of oxygen, and only 0.40 per cent. of carbonic acid; and in town districts from 20.87 to 20.90 per cent. of oxygen, and 0.04 per cent. of carbonic acid. The proportion of the latter is therefore very small, and indeed is only 4 parts in 10,000, or 1 in 2,500 parts. But when the air is breathed out again it contains only about 18.50 per cent. of oxygen and 4.00 per cent. of carbonic acid, so that while the oxygen has diminished by about 3 per cent., the carbonic acid has increased to 100 times the original quantity. Such air must be very different in quality from the ordinary atmosphere, and indeed when it is collected in a jar, and a lighted candle is introduced, the candle is extinguished, and when an animal is placed in it, the animal quickly dies."

A boy who has learned that it is manly to be tender to the weak is rarely a coward, for the strength and courage of his nature are developed by teaching him to protect those who cannot defend themselves.

INSECT DEVELOPMENT.

Strange and Interesting Transformations Recorded by Naturalists.

The best way to learn about the development of insects is to observe the process for oneself, says a writer in the *Country Gentleman*. This can easily be done in the case of one of our common butterflies, and it would be difficult to name any simple study in natural history of so much interest and instruction.

It is best to begin with the egg stage, and, therefore, the first thing to be done is to find the eggs of butterflies. They can usually easily be found, by careful looking, attached to the under sides of the leaves of plants upon which larval butterflies feed. These larval butterflies are commonly called "worms;" every one has noticed such so-called worms upon the leaves of cabbage, tomato and milk-weed plants. If then, for example, the leaves of cabbage plants be carefully examined, in early summer there will be found upon them clusters of eggs destined to hatch and develop into the common cabbage butterfly. The eggs are oval in shape, of a yellow color, and have ridges running lengthwise, their appearance, as a whole, being somewhat like ears of yellow corn.

A leaf with eggs attached should be pulled off and placed in a box with a glass cover, such a cover both admitting light and enabling the observer to watch the process of development. A wooden box, like a school chalk-box, the sliding cover of which has been replaced by a piece of glass of like size, is a convenient form of box to use, but any tin or wooden box with a piece of window glass for cover will answer.

The leaves of the cabbage-plant being thick and hardy, they will probably not wither, if kept in a shady place, until the eggs have hatched. Each egg produces a small green and white worm. The worm should at once be supplied with fresh cabbage leaves; it will be found to have no lack of appetite. It grows with surprising rapidity, attaining within a week or ten days its full size, in length an inch or inch and a half. It attaches itself along the edge of a leaf, and, with its sharp-biting mouth-parts, devours it bit by bit until it is entirely eaten, when it greedily attacks another. Its body seems swollen by its constant gorging. The truth is that it is to pass into a resting condition, when it takes no food, and it must now improve its time so as to gather strength to last it in its period of abstinence.

At the end of ten or twelve days the worm is ready to pass into this resting stage—what is called the pupa stage. At this time it will be seen to abandon its leaf and crawl about the box, somewhat eagerly, as if searching for something. This uneasy activity may continue for some time, but finally, as if having found a suitable place, it proceeds to spin a net or web, in which it may suspend itself during the approaching period of inactivity. This net is not a cocoon, such as the larva of some insects spin, but a slight web serving merely to suspend the pupa. The extreme appearance now changes. The bright green color becomes dull, and several rings into which the skin of the worm is thrown become less distinct, and finally it assumes the characteristic pupa form—an oblong, angular body, more pointed at one end than the other. What has taken place is the molting of the skin, that is, the skin is separated from the body and becomes simply a firm, hard case in which the living insect is contained.

In this pupa stage—now often called a chrysalis—it remains for ten or twelve days. Of course all the while important changes are going on within; the energy stored up during its period of hungry activity now serves to carry on those vital processes that made the dull and seemingly lifeless pupa succeeded by the sprightly, handsome butterfly. These changes affect the entire structure of the animal, internal scarcely less than external; the butterfly has a different nervous, digestive, circulatory, etc., system than the larva.

At last the butterfly emerges from the pupa, the wall of the latter breaking away at one end, probably by the growth and movements of the insects within. It is one of our plain yellow butterflies; yet one can imagine that it has quite a triumphant bearing as it emerges from its confinement. It soon extends its wings, and after a few flutters, if allowed to escape, soars away.

Such is an outline of the development of insects, in which the metamorphosis is completed—that is insects which, besides the egg stage, pass through three states, named successively, the larva, pupa and imago, or perfect insect. But in many insects the transformation is incomplete—that is to say, the metamorphosis is not so marked—the several states are not so distinct. Take, for instance, the grasshopper. In this insect both the larva and pupa resemble the perfect insect in form, walking and feeding in the same manner, and differing chiefly in the absence of wings, though even the wings are present, in rudimentary form, in the pupa. And there are groups of insects in which there is no metamorphosis at all. These are of the lower orders, and include the insects unfavorably known as lice. In these orders the insect, when it emerges from the egg, is quite like the full-grown specimen, except in size.

After all, the development of the butterfly and the other insects of complete metamorphosis is no more wonderful than that of other animals. The transformations through which the insects pass are in no essential respects different from those through which other animals pass in their development. The chief difference is that in the insects these transformations take place after the egg-stage, while in many other animals—as the birds and most reptiles—they take place within the egg. In the insects the egg is very small, and there is not enough food matter contained in it for the growing embryo. It therefore breaks through the egg, and is able to seek food for itself. But in the birds the egg is large, and has a supply or food sufficient for the nourishment of the embryo until it has attained full structural development. Hence it goes through its transformations within the egg. In the insect the development is for a time arrested, so that the larva can gather a supply of food, both for its immediate wants and for gaining a store of energy for the next stage in its life-history. In the birds and most other animals the development proceeds without interruption until the young is brought forth.

An Imperial Abbess.

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